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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN OPPOSITION ACTIVITY IN THE U.S.

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1. AT THE CLOSE OF MY DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESIDENT, REPORTED REFTEL, TOLBERT ADVISED ME THAT A GROUP OF LIBERIAN "SOCIALIST-MINDED STUDENTS" IN THE UNITED STATES PLANNED TO CONDUCT ANTI-GOL DEMONSTRATIONS ON LIBERIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 26. HE SAID THESE STUDENTS PLANNED TO ATTACK GOL POLICIES, CRITICIZE THE GOL ON HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS, AND TO CALL ON THE U.S. TO WITHHOLD AID TO THE GOL. THE INFORMATION, HE SAID, HAD BEEN REPORTED TO HIM BY THE LIBERIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASINGTON. HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT IMPLYING THAT HE THOUGHT WE SHOJLD ATTEMPT TO STOP SUCH A DEMONSTRATION.

2. HE DESCRIBED THESE STUDENTS AS BELONGING TO THE SAME GROUP WHICH WANTED TO DEMONSTRATE WHEN PRESIDENT CARTER VISITED MONROVIA AND AS BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOVEMENT OF JUSTICE IN AFRICA AND DR. TOGBA NAH TIPOTEH. HE REFERRED TO THEM AS A SMALL GROUP OF DISSIDENTS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF COMMUNIST TEACHINGS AND DOCTRINE AND SAID THAT FOR THE PRESENT HE PERMITS THEM TO GO AHEAD
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WITH THEIR ACTIVITIES. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE NATION HAS LAWS TO DEAL WITH THOSE WHO PROMOTE "DISINTEGRATION" AND "SECTIONALISM"AND IMPLIED THAT SOME DAY THESE MIGHT BE USED TO DEAL WITH SUCH PERSONS.

3. COMMENT: THE MUCH GREATER TOLERANCE OF DISSIDENTS UNDER THE TOLBERT ADMINISTRATION CONTRASTS WITH THE

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SITUATION UNDER TUBMAN AND HAS BEEN USED BY MOJA AND ITS
ADHERENTS TO WORK ASSIDUOUSLY WITHIN THE STUDENT COMMUNITY
TO PROMOTE WHAT ARE IN FACT MARXIST NOTIONS. THE PRESIDENT
HAS SHOWN RESTRAINT BUT IT IS NOT UNLIKELY THAT ONE DAY
HE WILL USE PRESENT LAWS FORBIDDING SECTIONALISM,
TRIBALISM AND COUNTYISM TO ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THE SCOPE OF
THEIR ACTIVITIES. IF THAT DAY CAOMES, WE MAY EXPECT THEIR
SYMPATHIZERS ABROAD TO RAISE THE BANNER OF "HUMAN RIGHTS"
IN THEIR DEFENSE. IT IS JUST THIS POSSIBILITY WHICH
HAS PROBABLY PREVENTED THE ADMINISTRATION FROM TAKING MORE
SEVERE ACTION AGAINST THEM. THE GOL STILL MUST FACE THE
PROBLEM POSED BY THE UNDOUBTED INFLUENCE AMONG
IMPRESSIONABLE YOUTH, MANY OF THEM FROM LESS
PRIVILEGED BACKGROUNDS, OF PROPAGANDISTS AND PROFESSORS
WHO ARE ESPOUSING WHAT ARE, AT ROOT, DOCTRINES FUNDA-
MENTALLY OPPOSED TO THOSE ON WHICH THE GOL IS BASED.
THESE DOCTRINES ARE INDISTINGUISHABLE FROM CURRENT
SOVIET STANDS WITH REGARD TO IMPERIALISM (THE U.S. AS
THE CHIEF IMPERIALIST ENEMY) AND TO CAPITALISM (THE
EXPLOITER OF THE WORKING MAN).
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